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Note verbale dated 4 October 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the outcome document (see annex) of the subregional workshop on the preparation of the responses by the West and Central African countries to the three Security Council committees dealing with counter-terrorism, held in Dakar, from 25 to 27 September 2007. The workshop, which was hosted by the Government of Senegal, was organized by the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in cooperation with the expert groups of the three committees.

The Permanent Mission of Senegal would be grateful if the Secretary-General could bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the General Assembly, under agenda items 106, 107 and 108, and of the Security Council.

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Subregional workshop on the preparation of the responses by the West and Central African countries to the Security Council committees dealing with counter-terrorism

Dakar, 25 to 27 September 2007

Outcome document

We, the delegates of Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo;

Gathered together to share and discuss our efforts and challenges in dealing with terrorism at the Sub-Regional Workshop held in Dakar, Senegal, from 25-27 September 2007, on the preparation of the responses by West and Central African countries to the Security Council Committees dealing with counter-terrorism ("the Committees");

And in the presence of the United Nations, represented by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) and the Monitoring Team of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities (the Monitoring Team) and the Expert Group of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) concerning the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (1540 Expert Group), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA), as well as the following international and regional organizations: African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACRST), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Intergovernmental Action Against Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing (GIABA) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO);

Reiterating the strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes, as it constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, in accordance with the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations;

Welcoming the adoption by the General Assembly on 8 September 2006 of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and its plan of action (A/RES/60/288);

Recognizing the efforts undertaken by CTED, the Monitoring Team and the 1540 Expert Group in implementing a common strategy to assist our States to submit their responses to each of the Committees as an essential step towards the effective implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions relating to terrorism and the relevant provisions of the United Nations General Assembly Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;

Reaffirming that our international cooperation and any measures we undertake to prevent and combat terrorism must comply with our obligations under international law, including the Charter of the United Nations and relevant international conventions and protocols, in particular human rights law, refugee law and international humanitarian law;

1. Urge our respective States to continue the dialogue with CTED, the Monitoring Team and the 1540 Expert Group, as a vital step in the global fight against terrorism;

2. Request that the Committees and their expert groups continue to refine the common strategy on reporting with a view to reducing our reporting burden;

3. Urge our respective States to:

a) Submit their responses to each of the Committees as soon as possible, as an essential step towards the implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions relating to terrorism;

b) Become parties to the relevant international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism, without delay, in accordance with the relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions;

c) Enact the necessary domestic legislation and adopt measures for the full incorporation of the provisions of the international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism, and the relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions;

4. Request UNODC to continue to provide our respective States with the relevant technical assistance required to:

a) Prepare our responses in cooperation with the Committees and their expert groups;

b) Ratify/accede to and implement the relevant international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism, and to strengthen international cooperation mechanisms in criminal matters related to terrorism, including through national capacity-building, in cooperation with its relevant partners, in accordance with the resolution 61/40 of 4 December 2006 of the General Assembly;

5. Note with appreciation the hospitality of the Government of Senegal for having hosted this Workshop and the efforts of UNODC, in particular, its Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) and the UNODC Regional Office for West and Central Africa (Dakar, Senegal), for the collective action undertaken in the organization of this Workshop;

6. Invite the Government of Senegal to bring this Outcome Document to the attention of the United Nations Security Council and the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.

Adopted in Dakar, 27 September 2007